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For: Devices for Treating and Conveying a Strip)
of Material and Method for Regulating These)
Devices)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP Section 609, the materials set forth on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the non-US patent documents are enclosed. Copies of the US patent documents are not enclosed.

Each of the documents set forth in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application WO 2004/056686 A1, is listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

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EP 0457304 is in English. No discussions is required.

All of the documents set forth in the specification of the subject application, as filed, and as amended are also listed on the PTO/SB/08a form.

EP 1238935 is the equivalent of US 2002/0184986. No discussion of this English language document is required.

DE 101 50 810 is the equivalent of US 2003/0071162. No discussion of this English language document is required.

DE 196 02 248 is accompanied by an Abstract obtained from a commercial database.

WO 01/70608 is the equivalent of US 6,695,250 & 6,820,839. No discussion of these English language documents is required.

DE 36 14 981 is the equivalent of US 4,848,632. No discussion of this English language document is required.

DE 195 40 164 is accompanied by an Abstract obtained from a commercial database.

DE 42 04 254 is the equivalent of US 5,328,437. No discussion of this English language document is required.

DE 43 11 437 is the equivalent of US 5,357,859. No discussion of this English language document is required.

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The other documents listed on the PTO/SB/08a form were provided to the undersigned by applicants' principal representative in Germany, without comments.

DE 35 33 274 is accompanied by an Abstract obtained from a commercial database.

DE 100 229 64 A1 is the German equivalent of WO 01/70608 which has been discussed previously.

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US 2,871,011 is in English. No discussion is required.

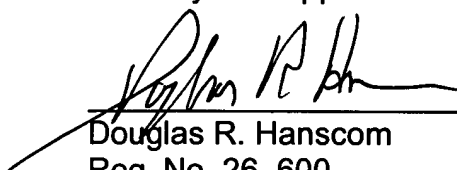
Entry of these materials into the file of the subject US patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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